

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is hermetically sealed by a sealing element, wherein the molded element and the sealing element are permanently bonded together by a pressure weld ~~means of connecting pressure welds~~.

2. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

3. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element is a metal, a metal alloy or a metal composite.

4. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element is a brittle-fracture material.

5. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element has a plate, spherical, conical or cylindrical shape.

6. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element is a glass plate, and wherein the at least one opening has the shape of a through-going cylindrical opening or through-going conical opening.

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7. (Withdrawn) A laminated glass system comprising a molded element according to claim 6.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element and the sealing element are bonded by ~~means of~~ welding by movement.
10. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element and/or the sealing element is at least partially coated.
11. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.
12. (Withdrawn) A laminated glass system according to claim 7, wherein the laminated glass system has electrochromic properties.
13. (Currently Amended) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element and the sealing element are bonded by ~~means of~~ ultrasound weld, high-frequency weld, rotary weld, friction weld, torsional or orbital weld, cold pressure weld or abrasive weld.
14. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element and/or the sealing element is at least partially metal- and/or plastic-coated.

15. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening to a cavity that is hermetically sealed by a sealing element, wherein the molded element and the sealing element are permanently bonded together by a cold pressure weld ~~means of connecting pressure welds~~.

16. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 15, wherein the cavity is filled with a gas or liquid.

17. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 15, wherein the sealing element is a brittle-fracture material.

18. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 15, wherein the sealing element is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

19. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element and the sealing element have the same coefficients of thermal expansion.

20. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element and the sealing element are made of the same material.

21. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element has one opening.

22. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the molded element has two openings.

23. (Withdrawn) An electrochromic glazing comprising a molded element according to claim 1.

24. (Withdrawn) A mirror comprising a molded element according to claim 1.

25. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element is homogeneous in material.

26. (Currently Amended) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the ~~connecting pressure welds contain~~ pressure weld contains material only from the molded element and/or the sealing element.

27. (Currently Amended) A molded element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element is a solid element at the time it is permanently bonded together with the molded element by a pressure weld ~~means of connecting pressure welds~~.

28. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A process for sealing an opening on a molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material by inserting a sealing element into the opening and permanently hermetically sealing the same by a pressure weld ~~means of connecting pressure welds~~.

29. (New) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is hermetically sealed by a sealing element, wherein the molded element and the sealing element are permanently bonded together by a diffusion weld.